

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The undersigned gratefully acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's time and consideration in the telephonic interview which occurred on March 11, 2009. While no agreement was reached, claims in accordance with the amendments above were discussed with regard to the claim rejections.

The amendments to claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 12, 13, and 23 overcome the claim objections.

Claim 1 recites the presence of a status register that stores multiple sets of arithmetic flags each associated with one of multiple data items, and further that after a logical combination of the flags of the sets, a single combined arithmetic flag variable is stored into a second register. The art including Golston fails to teach or suggest this status register. In this regard, neither register 210 nor register 211 of Golston can be the recited register of the claim. That is, neither register 210 nor register 211 can store multiple sets of arithmetic flags. Clearly as seen, register 210 simply stores a single set of flags. In turn, multiple flags register 211 can, based on a given operation of the Golston system, only store a single type of flag, although it may store multiple of this flag for different data elements. Golston, column 21, lines 41-45. This can be further seen in the various details of different operations performed in Golston, such as described with regard the examples in columns 77-78 of Golston. As seen, only a single flag type is stored at a given time within multiple flags register 211. Accordingly, further there can be no combining of multiple sets of arithmetic flags from the status register as described in the claim.

Similar amendments have been made to the other independent claims and as such it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

Respectfully submitted,

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